

# Willow Pointe Newsletter

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#### Message from the President

To the Willow Pointe Community:

Over the past year that I have been on the Board I have had the awesome pleasure of working with some of the best people in our community. Their work and effort goes unnoticed most of the time but through the dedication that these people have shown we have managed our community in an efficient manner. There are still many things that need to be done for Willow Pointe to become the community we hope for but with time, effort, communication and volunteers; we will make Willow Pointe one of the best communities to live in. I want to thank our current Board of Directors as well as the previous Directors who have worked towards the common goal of managing and maintaining our community. Over the past year we have executed several plans in order to help us better plan for the future and I hope the Board will be able to share this information with you soon.

A Reserve Study is in the works to allow for better budget planning as well as being prepared for large maintenance items such as resurfacing our community pool. We are also working to create committees that will give the residents of Willow Pointe the ability to assist in the day-to-day matters of the community with guidance from the Board. Everyone that wants to get involved will have a chance to serve. At this time we are beginning to prepare for the next year with work on the budget for our community and I am looking forward to planning for some improvements that will be communicated in future newsletters.

Communication has been an issue that has been brought to our attention many times and we believe our <u>new</u> newsletter is the best way to keep you informed. Our newsletter is now going to be published and mailed monthly and the cost will be offset by advertising. With each newsletter you will begin to see some of the items I have mentioned as well as many other items and information that we hope will be beneficial to you. You will also see the opportunities to serve our community and assist the Board in managing Willow Pointe. Thanks to all of you who already have sent information and ideas to us and please know that it is appreciated.

Robert Hassell President Willow Pointe Homeowners Association Willow Pointe Homeowners Association c/o SCS Management Service, Inc 7171 Cherry Park Drive Houston, Texas 77095

August 3, 2005

Re: Steve Mueller

Dear Homeowners,

This letter is being written on behalf of the Willow Pointe Board of Directors to members of the community regarding Steve Mueller. During Mr. Mueller's term on the Board of Directors, he selfishly rendered his resignation to the Board of Directors as a result of an issue that was brought to the attention of the Board that would directly affect him. However, rather than put his own personal interest into the matter, he resigned from the Board to prevent even the appearance of self dealing.

It is our firm belief that Mr. Mueller truly has the best interest of the Association, rather than himself at heart and we highly recommend that he be re-elected to the Board of Directors. Mr. Mueller not only acted selfishly in resigning from the Board of Directors, he immediately volunteered to be on numerous committees within the Association showing his continued interest and desire to improve our community.

Sincerely,

Robert Hassell Willow Pointe Homeowners Association President

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If you have comments, questions or ideas for future articles or know of a special event in our community please contact Judith Schwartz at judithschwartz@sbcglobal.net. The deadline is the fifth of each month.

Members of the Newsletter committee are Ericka Williams, AAhur Marroquine, Paul Morgan, Regina Wall and Cris Koenigs. If you are interested in joining this energetic group, please let anyone of us know.

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There will be a charge for lost or discarded pool tags.

#### **Community Vehicle Stickers**

All Homeowners will soon receive vehicle identification stickers. Please place them on your car as soon as they arrive.

Many communities in the area have implemented this strategy as a safety measure. The stickers also assist Harris County Sheriff's Department and the larger community to identify vehicles that do not belong in Willow Pointe.

For more information, please send us an e-mail on the community website www.willowpointe.org (the link is located in the Board of Directors section) or contact SCS Management Services at (281) 463-1777 Monday through Friday 8:30 – 5 pm.

#### **Did You Know?**

The Willow Pointe Homeowners Association Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday of each month. If you wish to address the Board, please contact SCS Management Services at (281) 463-1777 to reserve time on the agenda.

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#### Reserve Study

This month the Board of Directors will select a service to conduct our first Reserve Study. A Reserve Study is an important component for making key decisions over the course of the next several years as it relates to our facilities and other assets we have within the community. Examples include the pool, pool mechanical equipment, our brick retaining walls along the common areas, landscaping, lighting, painting, and any other mechanical equipment.

The evaluation will focus on the average service life of our assets, probable remaining life, general condition and replacement costs. It will also make recommendations for repairs that are necessary as well as replacement or maintenance recommendations.

We will share the findings of the study as soon as they are available.

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#### Parkway (curbside) Trees

Early in the development of Willow Pointe the developer planted hundreds of Live Oak Trees along Trail Ridge, Willow Crossing and other main streets as well as several cul-de-sacs. The tree that you see out your front window that is closest to the street most likely is one of these oak trees. Many of you may not know that these trees are "yours" to care for and maintain.

The general health of many of the parkway trees is not good. The younger ones need pruning and sucker removal which can be done in November. The larger trees are showing signs of stress due to heavy canopies. They need to be thinned out in the middle to allow air in and to avoid the creation of wind sales during bad storms (limb breakage). You might also notice breaking limbs on the side of your tree closest to road. This is due to large trucks passing by or school buses that need greater clearance. Thinning from the middle of the tree will also help grass grow better under your tree.

We encourage you to spend some time cleaning up the trees over the next couple of months. If you feel you need assistance or pruning advice, please feel free to contact me.

Judith Schwartz 832-237-4992 judithschwartz@sbcglobal.net

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# Town Hall Meeting Willow Pointe Homeowners Association October 20, 2005 at 7 – 9 p.m

St Maximillian Kobe Catholic Community Church 10135 West Road Houston, Texas

The Board of Directors is hosting a Town Hall meeting on October 20th, 2005. The purpose of this forum is to review budget performance for 2005 and to review goals, priorities and challenges for 2006. We encourage you to attend.



Each month space will be allocated for neighbors to submit a "letter to the editor". It must be a question, comment or concern specific to our community. Please indicate if you are expecting a response from the Board and sign your letter

You are encouraged to take advantage of this new feature. You can submit your "letter to the editor" to judithschwartz@sbcglobal.net. or by mail 10506 Elm Knoll Court.

#### **Precinct 4 Senior Adult Program**

These services include educational and recreational day trips transportation, special events, information and referral, free or discounted tickets, and community center classes, programs and activities.

For Senior Adult Program Information contact Harris County Precinct 4 Senior Adult Program 1731 Hugh Road Houston, Texas 77067 (281)-893-3726.

# **Open Board Position Candidates Encouraged**

One Board position is vacant at this time. The term of this position is 2005 – 2008. The Board encourages <u>you</u> to come forward and tell us of your interest. A nominating committee will interview candidates and make a recommendation to the Board.

The commitment of time will vary from month to month. We hold monthly meetings with the management services company and often have an additional session each month depending on our workload. Each Board member also chairs a committee.

Please submit your letter of interest no later than **October 20**, **2005** by visiting our website @ www.willowpointe.org and find the e-mail address located in the Board of Directors section or mail it to SCS Management Services 7170 Cherry Park Drive Houston, Texas 77095





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- Older children should always have a least two buddies with them.
- Wear only a flame retardant costume.
- Wait until your get home and your parents check your candy before you eat it.
- Be very cautious of strangers.
- Accept treats in the doorway. Never go inside a house.
- Be sure and say thank you for your treats
- Visit only houses where the porch light is on
- Walk, don't run and stay on the sidewalk.
- Cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk.
- · Carry a flashlight.
- · Wear costumes with reflective markings and bright colors.

#### **Immunization Requirements Updated**

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has updated the immunization requirements for children attending Texas schools to include vaccinations against invasive pneumococcal and Hepatitis A diseases.

Pneumococcal disease is caused by a bacteria that often leads to middle ear infections, pneumonia, blood stream infections, sinus infections and meningitis. The vaccine is required for all children age 2 months through 59 months attending child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease that is spread from person to person, often by putting objects in the mouth that have been contaminated with the stool of a person with Hepatitis A. Children in child-care centers and pre-kindergarten programs who are 2-years-old or older will need two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine given six to 18 months apart.

The complete list of immunization requirements for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD can be found online at: http://www.cfisd.net/dept2/health/immuni.htm



# The Foundry Church Craft Show and Tea Room

A Shopper's Heaven on Earth! The Foundry United Methodist Church will host over 100 vendors at its annual Judy Dierker Craft Classic on Saturday, October 15, 2005, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You'll find terrific Values on a wide array of goods, including handcrafted items, fall & Christmas specialties, gourmet baked goods, children's toys, clothing, jewelry and more in a fun and friendly marketplace. You can also shop The Foundry General Store where every cent you spend benefits local and foreign missions. And, when you're hungry, be sure to stop by our Texas Tea Room,open 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and enjoy salads, desserts, and coffees.

Admission to the craft show is FREE; purchase tea room tickets at the Show for \$10 each (all proceeds benefiting missions). Come rain or shine! Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1-? blocks north of Hwy 290. For more information, call 713-937-9388 or see www.foundrychurch.org.

#### **Family Fall Fun Day**

Jersey Village Church of Christ 8810 Jones Road

Come join us October 29, 2005 from 3:00-6:00pm,with a Noah's Ark Play starting @ 3:00pm and other great activities to follow. We welcome adults and children of all ages; free. Refreshments will be served. For any questions, call our office @ 832-237-7550 or check the website, www.jvchurchofchrist.org.

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# FROM THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EXERCISE®

# Teens, Fitness and You

With all the pressures today's teenagers have to deal with, it's no wonder so many are in trouble.

Statistics show that teen suicide and teen pregnancy are on the rise, as is the firearm-homicide rate for teens. Smoking among teens is in vogue, and two-thirds of eighth-graders report that they have tried alcohol. And only about 38 percent of them get enough exercise - which means the other 62 percent are setting themselves up for a sedentary life and all the problems that come with it.

Now's the time to change these statistics. Research has shown that kids who play sports, or who are physically active, are less likely to have these problems. But getting kids to exercise is no easy task unless you're willing to spend time with them and learn to speak their language.

#### Quality time, quality talk

It's impossible to have good relationships with teenagers if you don't spend time with them. Don't expect teens to automatically think you're cool and trustworthy - you'll have to prove it.

Accept them for who they are and show them that you are genuinely concerned about them. Look past the way they dress or wear their hair, and learn to understand their language so you can relate to what they have to say.

A person who is a good listener has a good chance of developing relationships with teens, since most of them would rather talk than listen. Whatever it takes, learn to listen to teenagers, and offer your words of wisdom only when necessary. It's the only way to figure them out.

#### They're listening - What do you say?

The number-one thing you can do to help teens get active is to be a good role



model. Live the life that you advocate; show them that being active can be fun, and they will follow your example. Let them know that being physically active does not necessarily mean going to exercise classes or playing sports, although these are two great options.

Hiking and camping, body surfing and playing Frisbee or paddleball are activities the whole family can enjoy. And, since they're having so much fun, teens will hardly realize that what they're doing is actually good for them.

Teenagers can participate in just about any fitness activity, whether it be weight training, mountain biking or martial arts. Many gyms are lowering their age requirements and offering family memberships and discounts to reach the younger market. Organized sports also are an excellent means of improving

socialization and developing discipline and teamwork skills.

#### Competing with the negative

It's not easy to get your message of good health and fitness across when you're competing with the lure of television and video games. That's why it's so important to appeal to a teenager's sense of fun and need for social interaction.

Whenever possible, include others, such as their friends, in your fitness activities. Encour-aging a teenager (or an adult, for that matter) to become more active can be discouraging, particularly when they seem to be tuning you out.

At some point, that encouragement may become counter-productive. Instead, continue to serve as a role model for an active lifestyle and perhaps they will one day follow your lead.

The most important thing you can do for today's youth is to help them value their lives. Being healthy and fit will put them in touch with their bodies, increase their self-esteem and help them to establish a desire to set personal goals.

Bottom line, however, is that in order to get anyone to exercise, teenager or not, it has to be fun. Teenagers aren't likely to do something just because they're told it's good for them. But with your support and encouragement, you can help put them on the path to better health that lasts a lifetime.



#### WILLOW POINTE MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05
S180,000 Above	1	1	1	1	1	0
\$160,000-179,999	0	0	0	2	0	1
\$150,000-159,999	0	1	0	2	1	0
\$140,000-149,999	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$120,000-139,999	1	0	1	0	3	0
S120,000 Below	.0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	2	5	5	1
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